



Departmental Briefings for the Bond Election Advisory Task Force (BEATF) Parks and Open Space Committee

City of Austin
Parks and Recreation Department
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Parks and Recreation Department Overview



Vision Statement

Create a livable city through people, parks and programs

Mission Statement

To provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural, and outdoor experiences for the Austin community.

Organizational Goals

- Provide safe and accessible parks and facilities to all citizens
- Provide diversity and sufficiency of recreational opportunities for the community
- Design and maintain environmentally sustainable parks and facilities
- Foster collaboration, coordination, and partnerships throughout the community



Parks and Recreation Department

Existing Facilities Summary



- The City of Austin has 18,000 acres of parkland consisting of:
 - 13 District Parks
 - 24 Metropolitan Parks
 - 74 Neighborhood Parks
 - 23 School Parks
 - 20 Pocket Parks
 - 40 Greenways
 - 5 Golf Courses
 - 20 Recreation Centers
 - 3 Senior Activity Centers
 - 4 Tennis Centers
 - 50 Aquatic Facilities
 - 30 Special Parks
 - 15 Nature Preserves
 - 5 Cemeteries
- PARD is operated by:
 - 600+ full-time employees
 - 1400+ seasonal employees



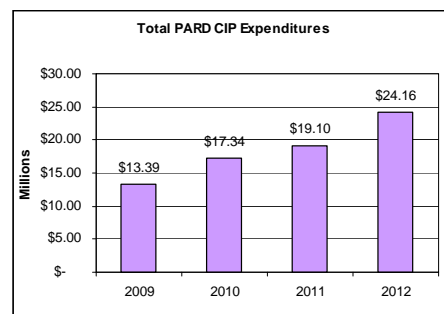
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Capital Program Overview



Funding Sources

- General Obligation Bonds
 - 1998 G.O. Bonds
 - 2006 G.O. Bonds
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- Certificates of Obligation
- Parkland Dedication Fees
- Mitigation Fees
- Grants



2011 Capital Project Needs Assessment Project Identification Process



- April 2011 - Request for project proposal forms department-wide
 - Over 260 projects submitted
- May 2011 - Prioritization of submittals based on Capital Planning Office (CPO) and Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) criteria
 - CPO suggested criteria
 - PARD values and objectives
- June 2011 - Projects submitted to CPO for review
- Applied CPO Planning Questionnaire
 - Guiding Principles
 - Imagine Austin Plan
 - PARD Long Range Plan

Capital Program Overview: Preserve, restore and enhance existing facilities to sustainably serve current and growing demand for high-quality recreational opportunities city-wide.



Bond Proposal – Overall Structure



- City-wide Programs
- Operation and Maintenance Facilities
- Recreation and Cultural Facilities
- Metropolitan Parks
- District Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Pocket Parks
- Greenbelts and Preserves



Programs for City-wide Improvements



- Recreation Facilities \$15M
 - Aquatics
 - Playscapes
 - Athletics
- Building Renovations \$2.3M
 - Recreation Centers
 - Senior Activity Centers
- Downtown Squares \$2M
 - Brush Square
 - Wooldridge Square
 - Republic Square
- Sustainability \$1.4M
 - Community Gardens
 - Historic and Art Preservation
 - Recycling Facilities
- Connectivity \$2M
 - ADA Improvements
 - Park Road and Parking Lots
 - Trail Development
- Land Acquisitions \$7M
- Cemetery Renovations \$4M



Programs for City-wide Improvements

Recreation Facilities \$15M



- Renovations to:
 - Aquatic facilities
 - Athletic fields
 - Play and fitness equipment
 - Sport courts
 - Golf courses
 - Site amenities



Recreation and Cultural Facilities

\$21.7M

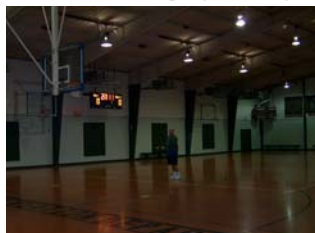
- Dougherty Arts Center - Co-developed Facility
- Montopolis Neighborhood Park - Community Building
- Zilker Metropolitan Park - Barton Springs Bathhouse Renovation
- New Facilities - Seaholm Intake Facility Redevelopment
- Zilker Nature Preserve - Clubhouse Renovation
- Elisabet Ney Museum - Restoration of Building and Landscape
- Zilker Metropolitan Park - Umlauf Master Plan and Renovation



Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Case Study: Montopolis Community Center

- Current issues:
 - Asbestos
 - Outdated amenities
 - Lack of ADA compliance
 - Foundation settling
- Recommended Improvements:
 - Improved site design
 - Opportunities for co-development with Health and Human Services
 - LEED certified design and construction to meet current programming needs



Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Case Study: Seaholm Intake Facility



- Recommended Improvements:
 - Adaptive re-use of former utility building for public enjoyment
 - Potential for revenue generating facility through public/private partnership
 - Compatible use on parkland complimentary to redevelopment of Seaholm District



Metropolitan Parks

\$33.3M



Metropolitan Parks are usually over 200 acres in size and are preferably located on major waterways and roadways, although access is encouraged by all means.

- Town Lake Metropolitan Park
 - Holly-Festival Beach Phase I Implementation
 - Trail Enhancements and Repairs
 - Norwood Park and House Redevelopment
- Zilker Metropolitan Park
 - Playscape Redevelopment
 - Pecan Grove Picnic Area Renovation
 - Trail Connectivity and Enhancement
- Emma Long Metropolitan Park
 - Infrastructure Upgrades
- Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park
 - Infrastructure Upgrades
- Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park
 - ADA Accessibility
- Onion Creek Metropolitan Park
 - Phase I Park Development (sports fields)



Metropolitan Parks

Case Study: Zilker Metropolitan Park



- Recommended Improvements:
 - Playscape Redevelopment
 - Pecan Grove Picnic Area Renovation
 - Barton Creek Trailhead Development
 - Trail Connectivity
 - Infrastructure improvements



Metropolitan Parks

Case Study: Emma Long Metropolitan Park



- Recommended Improvements:
 - Utilities and infrastructure
 - Road, parking and trail improvements
 - Signage and site furnishings
 - Restroom upgrades
 - ADA accessibility
 - Shoreline improvements



Metropolitan Parks

Casey Study: Holly Shores / Festival Beach



- Phase I Implementation of Master Plan Recommendations:
 - Parkland development on 9.3 acres of decommissioned Holly Power Plant property
 - Adaptive re-use of remaining building and structures
 - Trail and shoreline improvements
 - Festival Beach and Fiesta Gardens enhancements
 - General Park Improvements
 - Picnic
 - Play
 - Open space



General Park Improvements

Park Classification



- **District Parks (\$13M)** range from 31 to 200 acres in size and are usually located on minor arterial roadways to encourage access by public transit, as well as by other means.
Examples:
 - Givens District Park
 - Dove Springs District Park
 - Dick Nichols District Park
 - Bartholomew District Park
- **Neighborhood Parks (\$15M)** usually range from 2 to 30 acres in size and are, in most cases, close enough to residents to allow access by foot or bicycle.
Examples:
 - Waterloo Neighborhood Park
 - Little Stacy Neighborhood Park
 - Bailey Neighborhood Park
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Park
 - Rosewood Neighborhood Park
- **Pocket Parks (\$1.3M)** are up to 1.99 acres in size and are within a walking distance of either a few blocks or up to a 1/4-mile.
Examples:
 - Comal Pocket Park
 - Veterans Pocket Park
- **Greenbelts and Preserves (\$5M)** are part of a special parks classification and vary in acreage. Due to the special nature of these parks, the service area is often city-wide.
Examples:
 - Red Bud Isle
 - Shoal Creek Greenbelt



General Park Improvements

Scope of Work

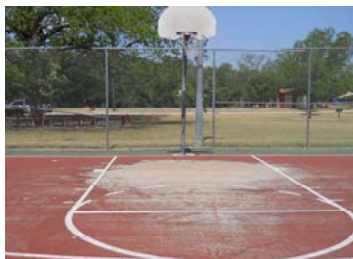
- Park-level improvements are established on a site-by-site basis and may include but not limited to:
 - Pool renovations
 - Connectivity
 - ADA accessibility
 - Site furnishings and signage
 - Trail development and enhancement
 - Restroom renovation
 - Athletic field improvements
 - Landscape and irrigation
 - Infrastructure
 - Parking/pedestrian circulation
 - Park structures renovation



District Parks

Case Study: Givens District Park

- Recommended Improvements:
 - Lighting and utility upgrades
 - Basketball court renovation
 - Ballfield renovation
 - Signage and site furnishings
 - Restroom upgrades
 - ADA accessibility



Neighborhood Parks

Casey Study: Waterloo Neighborhood Park

Urban park, trail and recreation improvements complimentary to overall Waller Creek District Redevelopment.



Neighborhood Parks

Case Study: Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park

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Neighborhood Parks

Case Study: Little Stacy Neighborhood Park



■ Recommended Improvements:

- ❑ Erosion controls
- ❑ Tennis court renovation
- ❑ Sidewalk improvements
- ❑ Shelter roof replacement
- ❑ Signage and site furnishings
- ❑ Restroom upgrades
- ❑ ADA accessibility



Pocket Parks

Case Study: Comal Pocket Park



■ Recommended Improvements:

- ❑ Sidewalk improvements
- ❑ Signage and site furnishings
- ❑ Restroom upgrades
- ❑ ADA accessibility



Greenbelts and Preserves

Case Study: Red Bud Isle

- Recommended Improvements:

- Parking lot improvements
- Signage and site furnishings
- Shoreline improvements
- Landscape enhancements
- ADA accessibility



Summary

- PARD Capital Improvement Program:

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Questions?



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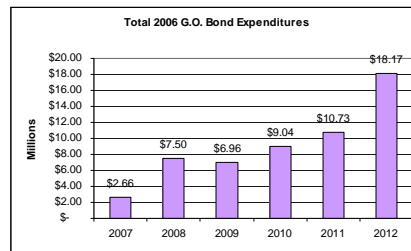
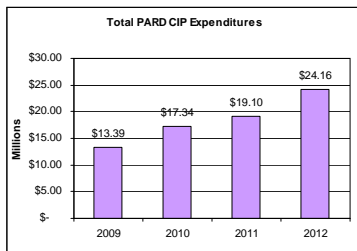


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2006 G.O. Bond - Structure

- Parkland Acquisition
- Pool Renovations and Improvements
- Courts and Greens
- Playscapes
- Trails
- HVAC and Roof Replacements
- Facility Renovations and Improvements



Project Proposal Form – Example Pg 1



Project Proposal Form

Park*

Address

Project*

Submitted by*

Description*

Site Location Map

Justification*

Planning Area

Estimated Cost

Related Projects

Supporting Documents



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Prioritization Matrix



Projects	CPO Criteria						PARD Criteria				Total
	Urgent Needs	Planning Priorities	Policy Directives	Business Priorities	Sustainability Impact	Cost Impact	Horizon Issues	Ongoing or Incomplete	Complement other Projects	Innovation/ Excellence	
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District											
Neighborhood											
Pocket											
Greenbelts & Preserves											
Facilities R&C											
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Programs											

